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	10/563,220	KAMIYA ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Sean P. Shechtman	2121	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 1/22/09.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 10-12,16-18,20 and 21.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Richard C. Turner on 3/13/09.

The application has been amended as follows:

The claims have been amended as follows:

Referring to claim 10, line 17,

-- a machining unit that corresponds to the one of the machining unit names --
has been inserted, replacing "the specified machining unit".

Referring to claim 16, line 13,

-- a machining unit that corresponds to the one of the machining unit names --
has been inserted, replacing "the specified machining unit".

Referring to claim 21, line 4,

-- substantially the same -- has been inserted, replacing "substantially same".

Claims 13, 14, 15, 19, 22, 23, have been cancelled.

Claim Objections

2. Objections withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. Rejections withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. Rejections withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 10-12,16-18,20 and 21 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

While, Bhargava teaches a method, system and computer-readable recording medium that stores therein a computer program for plurality of machining units (Col. 6, lines 49-62; Figs. 4A, 4B, cut, drill), by using a program editing screen including

a machining shape tree on which a plurality of machining unit names indicating a machining shape of the machining unit, as a unit of machining in which continuous machining is performed with the same main spindle and with the same tool, is displayed hierarchically according to a machining order; (Figs. 4A, 4B; Col. 7, lines 11-45, graphical browser portion 64 and 64'),

a model display section in which a product model (Fig. 14; Col. 10, lines 35-45), a work model (Figs. 4A, 4B, Col. 7, lines 11-45, modeling portion 62 and 62') and a machining shape model corresponding to the specified machining unit (Fig. 13, Col. 10, lines 12-34) are displayed three-dimensionally,

an editor section in which machining unit data corresponding to the machining unit name specified on the machining shape tree is displayed to perform editing (Fig. 10, element 96; Col. 9, lines 44-55), the computer program causing the computer to execute:

displaying a machining unit corresponding to a cursor position in the editor section (Fig. 10, Rear Cut; Col. 9, lines 44-55) and in any one of the product model and the work model or both displayed in the model display section in a highlighted manner (Fig. 10, Rear Cut in element 64 is highlighted therefore highlighting the rear cut of element 62, see Col. 9, lines 44-55; Col. 8, lines 33-44; Col. 8, lines 13-32);

inserting machining shape information corresponding to a specified shape element required for forming the machining unit data with respect to the machining shape model displayed in the model display section in a cursor position specified in the editor section (Fig. 10, element 96, Rear Cut; Col. 9, lines 44-55; and/or Fig. 12, fillet features); wherein the inserting includes inserting machining unit data corresponding to the machining unit relating to the machining shape model specified in the model display section at the cursor position (Fig. 10, element 96, Rear Cut; Col. 9, lines 44-55).

And, Guenther teaches automatic programming for an NC creation program including a plurality of machining units and a machining program for each machining unit, and a program tree on which a plurality of machining program names relating to the respective machining units is displayed hierarchically according to the machining order (Fig. 1, element 1; Col. 4, lines 32-43; Fig. 3, Col. 5, lines 36-52).

And, Ragnini teaches an NC creation program-editing function for editing an NC creation program (Page 2, paragraph 27-28, 34; Page 3, paragraph 34). Referring to claims 10-12, 16-18, Ragnini teaches a machining program corresponding to a machining program name specified on a directory are displayed to perform editing (Pages 2-3, paragraph 33-34; Page 3, paragraph 43; Page 2, paragraph 27-28).

Referring to claims 21, 23, Ragnini teaches an NC creation program-editing function for editing an NC creation program, comprises inserting a name (Fig. 3, Page 2, paragraphs 27-28, CNC name) and corresponding machine code for a corresponding machining unit (Pages 2-3, paragraph 34, editing G-code programs associated with a CNC machine).

Referring to claims 10, 16, none of Bhargava, Guenther or Ragnini, taken either alone or in obvious combination disclose an automatic programming method and device having all the claimed features of applicant's instant invention, specifically including: automatically inserting machine shape information, wherein the inserted machining shape information indicates the machining shape of the machining unit that machines the work model into the product model and a machining area of the machining unit specified in the machining program.

It is for these reasons that applicant's invention defines over the prior art of record. Claims 11-12, 17-18, 20-21 depend from claims 10 or 16 and are therefore also allowable. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sean P. Shechtman whose telephone number is (571)272-3754. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30am-6:00pm, M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Albert Decady can be reached on (571) 272-3819. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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